

Mayor Bill Seuell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Councilmembers Jim Berger, Kay Carlquist, Robert Jurca, and Mary Cooper, along with City Manager Lanny Sloan and City Attorney Mike Schottelkotte. A meeting notice was posted in the south window at City Hall at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

There were none.

Minutes

It was moved by Councilmember Jurca and seconded by Councilmember Carlquist to approve the minutes of December 19, 2006 as submitted by the Clerk. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen Comments

Bob Neirinckx commented that he was disappointed that the 200 block of Main Street was not included in the route for the Parade of Lights this year. He understood that the problem was one of manpower, and suggested that in the future, volunteers might be used in addition to Police officers in order to expand the parade route.

Designation of Official Posting Place for Meeting Notices for 2007

The Clerk recommended designation of the south window in City Hall as the official site for posting of notices of City meetings for 2007. "Unofficial" notices would continue to be posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building lobby, at the Recreation Center, and on the City's web site.

It was moved by Councilmember Jurca and seconded by Councilmember Cooper to designate the south window in City Hall as the official posting site for City meeting notices for 2007. All in favor, motion carried.

Hotel/Restaurant Liquor License Renewal: Ocean Pearl

The Clerk reported that the renewal application is complete and that the fees have been paid. The Police Department reported no Liquor Code violations during the past year. Staff recommended approval of the renewal.

It was moved by Councilmember Carlquist and seconded by Councilmember Jurca to approve the hotel/restaurant liquor licenserenewal for Ocean Pearl. All in favor, motion carried.

Council Bill #1, 2007; First Reading; Concerning Prohibited Gifts to City Officials

City Attorney Schottelkotte stated that this proposed ordinance was prepared in response to Council's desire to adopt a local policy pertaining to ethics following the adoption of Amendment 41, the "Ethics in Government" measure, at the November election.

Council Bill #1, 2007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DELTA, COLORADO,
ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 2.64 TO THE DELTA MUNICIPAL
CODE CONCERNING PROHIBITED GIFTS TO CITY OFFICIALS

was read by the Clerk.

It was moved by Councilmember Jurca and seconded by Councilmember Carlquist to adopt Council Bill #1, 2007 on first reading. Roll call vote: Councilmembers Berger, aye; Carlquist, aye; Jurca, aye; Cooper, aye; and Seuell, aye. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting, Delta City Council, January 2, 2007 (Cont.)

Ordinance #39, 2006; Second and Final Reading; Rezoning of Property at the Northeast Corner of Stafford Lane and H Road

Ordinance #39, 2006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DELTA, COLORADO,
CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY
LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF STAFFORD
LANE AND H ROAD FROM AN A-1 DISTRICT TO A B-2
DISTRICT

was introduced as Council Bill #40, 2006, and read by the Clerk.

It was moved by Councilmember Berger and seconded by Councilmember Carlquist to adopt Council Bill #40, 2006 on second and final reading. Roll call vote: Councilmembers Berger, aye; Carlquist, aye; Jurca, aye; Cooper, aye; and Seuell, aye. Council Bill #40, 2006 was adopted on second and final reading as Ordinance #39, 2006.

Other Business to Come before Council

Utility Billing Cycle

Councilmember Berger mentioned a letter to the Editor of the *Delta County Independent* which left the impression that the City has a very short “grace period” for payment of utility bills. He asked staff to prepare a response giving accurate information about the City’s utility billing cycles.

School District Façade Grant

Manager Sloan explained that during the last round of matching fund grants given by the City for façade improvements, \$2,000 was awarded to the School District for a new sign at the Performing Arts Center. The School District submitted their application and started their project in what was assumed would be plenty of time to complete the project before the end of the year. [City policy requires such projects to be completed by the end of the grant year, or the funds will not be paid.]

The local artist who is making the sign has not completed his work yet, but expects the sign to be completed and installed within 60 days. Since the School District started in plenty of time and the project is so near to completion, staff recommends granting an exemption to the existing policy for the School District Performing Art Center’s new sign. The \$2,000 would be carried forward into 2007 and paid from the 2007 budget.

It was moved by Councilmember Carlquist and seconded by Councilmember Cooper to grant an exemption to the School District for the Performing Art Center’s new sign, with the \$2,000 grant to be taken from the 2007 budget. All in favor, motion carried.

City Attorney Comments

The City Attorney reported that a contract for purchase of 103 Silver has been signed and submitted to the Delta Housing Authority; however, there has been no response as yet. Mr. Schottelkotte also reported that the Hamilton note on the White Ranch has been paid in full.

City Manager Comments

Manager Sloan reported that the City had received two responses to the request for proposals for golf course management. One proposal was non-responsive, while the other – from Escalante Golf – was quite detailed. However, after evaluating the Escalante Golf proposal, staff determined the following: 1) There would be no real cost savings to the City under Escalante’s proposal; 2) Escalante would increase rates; and 3) Escalante planned to use the current management staff. Thus, since the only real change would be to increase rates to the golfers and there would be no cost savings for the City, staff recommended that the City turn down Escalante Golf’s proposal.

Council agreed, but asked staff to continue to seek alternatives for management of the golf course.

Regular Meeting, Delta City Council, January 2, 2007 (Cont.)

Councilmember Comments

Councilmember Berger reported that at their recent meeting, the Delta Housing Authority Board revealed plans for landscaping at Thompson Manor and two other sites. The new landscaping will be easier and less expensive to maintain, while improving the appearance of the sites.

Mr. Berger asked Council to consider replacing him as the City's representative to Region 10. Region 10 meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in Montrose.

Councilmember Carlquist reported on a recent Business Enhancement meeting. She explained that the group is looking at some new database management software. Also, the use of "Delta Dollars" was up considerably during the Christmas shopping season.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Mary Lynn Williams, CMC, City Clerk